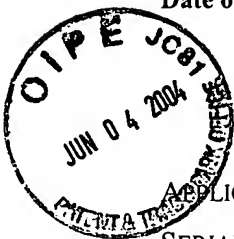


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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the December 4, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before June 4, 2003. A check in the amount of \$475.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith. This application is entitled to small entity status.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21402-530 (Cura 230). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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